HE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Applicant D. G. Ruest, et al. Serial No. 09/657,196 Filed 7 Sep 2000 Sathyanarayan Pannala Examiner Art Unit 2167 Entitled System and Method for Catalog Administration Using Supplier Provided Flat Files Docket No. END920000110US1 PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity) To Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of 3 Aug 2004 in the above-identified application and to which a responsive amendment after final was submitted on 2 Oct 2004 (within the two-month period for response). The requested extension is as follows (blacken time period desired): ■ One month □ Two months □ Three months □ Four months □ Five months The fee for the extension of time is \$ 110.00, and is to be paid as follows: A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to IBM Corporation Deposit Account 09-0457. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account 09-0457. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Dated: 12-4-04 Signature: () Shelley M Beckstrand CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a) Attorney for Applicant(s) I hereby certify that the enclosed or attached Reg. No. 24,886 correspondence and fee is being deposited with the United

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